1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 FANG-YUH HSIEH, 12 Plaintiffs, No. C06-5281 PJH (BZ) 13 ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S v. MOTIONS FOR LEAVE TO REQUEST 14 R. JAMES NICHOLSON, ADDITIONAL INTERROGATORIES AND TO ORDER DEFENDANTS TO 15 Defendants. PRODUCE WITNESSES FOR DEPOSITION, AND SANCTIONING 16 **PLAINTIFF** I have reviewed plaintiff's motions for leave to request 17 18 additional interrogatories and to order defendants to produce witnesses for depositions. Plaintiff's motions are improper 19 2.0 for many reasons, and are therefore **DENIED**. Plaintiff's motion to order defendants to produce 21 22 witnesses for deposition is without merit and fails to comply with previous orders of this Court, the Federal Rules of Civil 23 24 Procedure, and the Civil Local Rules. My December 5, 2006 Initial Discovery Order requires parties to "meet in person" 25 and "participate in a telephone conference with the Court 26 27 before filing any discovery motions or other papers." Plaintiff has not done either. Plaintiff's motion also fails 28

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to certify that plaintiff has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with defendant in an effort to secure the discovery without court action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(A); Civ. Local R. 37-1. Nor is it clear that plaintiff complied with Civil Local Rule 30-1 in scheduling the requested depositions. Without meeting these requirements, plaintiff's motion will not be entertained by this Court.

Plaintiff's motion for leave to request additional interrogatories is also deficient. It fails to comply with Civil Local Rule 33-3, which requires that such motions "be accompanied by a memorandum which sets forth each proposed interrogatory and explains in detail why it is necessary to propound the additional questions." Plaintiff has not provided any explanation of why additional interrogatories are needed, nor is the need for such interrogatories plainly apparent to me.

Plaintiff has failed to comply with orders of this Court, and has failed to comply with almost all Federal and Local rules applicable to these motions. Proceeding in this manner is disruptive and unacceptable. Plaintiff has been previously cautioned to comply with all Federal and Local rules, and yet continues in his unacceptable course of conduct.

For the above-stated reasons, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Plaintiff's motion to order defendants to produce witnesses for deposition is **DENIED**, without prejudice. If plaintiff wishes to depose these witnesses, he must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Civil Local

Rules in seeking to do so.

- 2. Plaintiff's motion for leave to request additional interrogatories is **DENIED**, without prejudice. Plaintiff may re-file such motion, but only if he provides an explanation of why he need additional interrogatories, in accordance with Civil Local Rule 33-3.
- 3. Plaintiff is **SANCTIONED** in the amount of \$100, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 1-4 and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16(f) and 37. Plaintiff shall pay \$100 to the Clerk of the Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2007.
- 4. Plaintiff is cautioned that any further failure to comply with my orders, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or the Civil Local Rules, may result in further and more severe sanctions.

Dated: June 25, 2007

Bernard Zimmerman

United States Magistrate Judge

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